

Kelly's COINS and CHATTER

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Confidentially...

BUYING COINS BY MAIL

Is not only fun but a more satisfactory method. There is no quick inspection or hasty purchase. Coins may be ordered on approval and either paid for or returned within three days. This allows ample time to compare not only the coins for condition, varieties, etc., but to check prices and see that you are getting fair values.

MY APPROVAL SERVICE

is one of the most important and satisfactory parts of my business. It assures satisfaction to both the customer and myself. I will send coins on approval to any collector who has or cares to establish his credit with me. In this way you can see the coin before purchasing and know that you will be satisfied. Any item that does not meet with your complete approval may be returned without question.

Remember, my complete stock of coins and my personal services are just as close to you as your mail box.

AUCTION SALE

SEPTEMBER 13th * MAIL SALE

1,798 Lots covering most U.S. Series as well as choice Foreign, Ancients Catalogues should have been received

OHIO STATE CONVENTION SALE

Hotel Commodore Perry
Toledo, Ohio October 23-24.
Public and Mail Sale
You Are Welcome

NOW IN PREPARATION...

FIRST SALE OF 1949

January 28-29
Consignments Solicited



SPECIALS

WORTH REPEATING!

These have proven popular, and our stock is sufficient to offer them again.

LARGE CENTS

1794 to 1857 - 45 different dates in Good to Very fine condition. Would cost over \$35.00 separately. The Collection of 45 pcs...\$ 20.00

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JEFFERSON NICKELS

Complete set 1938 to 1947 in National Coin Holders, alone worth \$1.60.

Uncirculated \$ 9.50

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COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS

10 Different issues. Strictly Uncirculated \$ 15.00

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1941 PROOF HALF DOLLARS

The pair with and without the initial "W", 2 pieces.

Brilliant Proof \$ 4.35

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SILVER DOLLARS

10 Different 1878 to 1900. Brill. Uncirculated. Average price \$2.75 each. The 10 pieces...\$16.50

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LINCOLN CENTS

60 Different dates & mint marks. Brill. uncirculated, all before 1945 Some quite scarce. A real start on a complete collection at 25% less than retail price \$ 15.00

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1926-D MINT BUFFALO NICKELS

Brilliant uncirculated; Reverse weakly struck as usual.

Specially priced \$ 2.50

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OLD HALF DOLLAR SPECIAL

10 Half Dollars before 1840, all different dates in Fine or better condition - \$ 12.50

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New Coin Pattern Being Considered

A new coin, perhaps a whole new series of coins, is being considered by congress. One bill has been introduced to authorize a new 7-cent piece. There is talk also of another coin worth 15 cents, which would be teamed with one of half that value, or 7½ cents.

Such talk at this time makes a lot of sense. The old stand-by, the 5-cent nickel, has just about lost its usefulness. Manufacturers of many erstwhile nickel items have had to cheapen their product or raise their price to a dime because of increased costs.

Many would have preferred a price of about 7 cents, but made the full jump to 10 because of the penny's nuisance value. They figured they'd lose no more customers at 10 cents than they would have at seven.

After all, there's nothing sacred about the penny, nickel, and dime. The United States has in the past had many coins no longer in use - a silver 20-cent piece, a three-cent piece, a two-cent piece, and a copper half-cent among others. They were manufactured to serve special needs of the day, and discarded when their usefulness came to an end.

The principal argument for metal coins is convenience, and when they no longer are convenient, they can be replaced or supplemented without major disturbance of the basis monetary pattern.

(Dayton Daily News)

Booker T. Washington Memorial Half Dollars

1948-P-D-S Set. Unc.....	\$ 7.50
1947-P-D-S Set. Unc.....	6.00
1946-P-D-S Set. Unc.....	3.75
1946, P or S, Unc.....	1.25

U. S. QUARTER DOLLARS

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1805 Good	\$2.50
1806 Fair 1.00; Fine	5.00
1815 V.Good 3.00; V. Fine..	7.50
1818 Good 1.25; Very good.	2.00
1818 Fine	3.50
1819 Good 1.25; Very good.	2.00
1820 Good 1.50; Very good.	2.50
1821 Good 1.25; Very good.	2.00
1821 Fine	3.50
1822 Good 2.00; Very good.	3.00
1824 Very good	5.00
1825 Good 1.25; Very good.	2.00
1825 Very fine	5.00
1828 Good 1.50; Very good	2.50
1831 V.Good 75¢; Fine	1.50
1832 V.Good 1.25; Fine....	2.00
1835 V.Good 75¢; Fine	1.25
1836 V.Good 75¢ Fine	1.50
1837 V.Good 1.00; Fine....	1.50
1838 Bust, Uncirculated	5.00
1838 V.Good 1.00; Fine....	1.50
1839 V.Good 1.25; Fine....	2.00
1840 Fine	5.00
1840-0, Drapery. About Unc..	5.00
1840-0, V.Gd. 75¢; Fine...	1.25
1841-0, Very good75
1842-0, About uncirculated..	5.00
1842-0, V.Gd. 1.25; Fine..	2.00
1843 V.Good 75¢; 1843-0, Fine	1.50
1844 Uncirculated.....	7.50
1844 V. Good 1.50; Fine...	2.50
1845 Uncirculated	5.00
1847 Uncirculated	5.00
1847 V.Gd. 1.25; Fine....	2.00
1848 Very good.....	1.50
1850-0, V.Good 1.25; Fine...	2.00
1853 Unc. 2.50; Fine.....	.75
1854 Brilliant uncirculated.	2.50
1854-55-56 Fine75
1854-56-0 Mints, Very good..	.60
1857-58 Brilliant Unc.....	2.00
1857-58-59-60 Fine75
1859 Brilliant proof	9.00
1860 Unc. 2.50; Fine....	.75
1861 Brilliant Unc.SPECIAL..	1.50
1861-62 Fine to Very fine...	.75
1873-S Mint, Very good.....	2.50
1874-S, Good 2.00; Very good..	2.50
1875-76 Uncirculated	2.00
1876-CC, Fine 1.00; 1876 Fine	.75
1877-S, Unc 2.00; 1877 V. Fine	.75
1877-CC Unc. 2.00; Very fine	1.00
1878-CC, Brilliant Unc.....	5.00
1878-CC, Fine 1.25; V.good..	.75
1879 Proof 5.00; 1880 Proof	5.00
1882-83 Very good	1.00
1884 Proof 6.00; 1885 Proof	6.00
1888-S Fine 1.00; 1890 Unc..	3.50
1891 Brill. Unc. SPECIAL...	2.50
1892 Brill. Unc. SPECIAL...	2.50
1892-S Good 1.50; Very good.	2.00
1895-0 Uncirculated	5.00
1893 Isabelle, Unc. SPECIAL.	7.25
1892-93-94-95-96-97 V.good..	.50
1893-S Good 1.00; V.good....	1.50
1893-0 Fine 2.00; V. good..	1.00
1894 Brilliant proof	5.00
1894-S V.good 1.00; Fine..	2.00
1894-0 Good 1.00; Very good	1.25
1895 Unc. 4.00; 1895-S V.Gd.	1.25

1895-0 Brilliant Unc.....	12.50
1895-0 Good 75¢; V.good....	1.25
1896-0 Good 1.00; V. good..	1.50
1897-S V.Gd. 2.50; 1898 Unc	4.00
1897-0 Good 1.25; Very good	2.00
1898-99-P&0; 1900-P&0, V.Gd.	.50
1898-S Good 75¢; Very good.	1.25
1898-0 Good 75¢; Very good.	1.50
1900 Unc. 3.50; 1900-S Abt.U.	7.50
1900-S Good 50¢; Very good.	1.00
1901 Unc.3.50; 1901-0 V.Gd..	1.25
1901-02-03-P&0; 1904-P&0, V.Gd	.50
1902-S Good 1.00; Very good	1.50
1902-0 V.good 75¢; 1903-S VG	1.50
1904 to 1916-P, most dates, VG	.50
1904 to 1916-P, most dates, F.	1.00
1905 Unc.3.00; 1906-D Unc...	3.00
1905 to 1916, most S Mints, VG	.75
1906-C Unc 3.50; 1907 Unc..	3.00
1906 to 1916 most D&0, V.Gd.	.50
1906-1916 most D&0 Mints, F..	1.00
1908-0 Unc 2.50; 1909 Unc...	2.50
1909-D Unc.3.00; 1910 Unc...	3.50
1912 Unc 3.00; 1913-D Unc...	5.00
I Need 1913-S and 1914-S	
1914 Unc 4.00; 1914-D Unc...	4.00
1915 Unc 6.00; 1915-D Unc...	2.75
1916-D Brill. Unc. SPECIAL..	2.00
STANDING LIBERTY	
1917 #1 Brill. Unc. SPECIAL..	2.25
1917 #1 V.Gd.50¢; Fine....	1.00
1917-S #1, Good 50¢; V.good.	.75
1917-D #1 Brilliant Unc.....	10.00
1917-D #1 Fine 2.00; V.Gd...	1.00
1917 #2 Unc 6.00; Very good.	1.00
1917-S #2 Brilliant Unc.....	15.00
1917-D #2 Brilliant Unc.....	17.50
1918 Unc 10.00; 1918-D V.F.	3.00
1918-S V.good 75¢; Good...	.50
1918-D V.good 1.00; Fine..	2.00
1919 Unc 15.00; Good....	.50
1919-D V.good to About Fine.	2.00
1920 Unc 4.25; Fine.....	1.25
1920 Very good, SPECIAL....	.50
1920-S V.Fine 2.50; V.good..	.75
1921 Brilliant uncirculated.	45.00
1921 V.good 4.00; Good....	2.50
1923 Unc 4.00; About unc...	2.00
1923 Very good, SPECIAL....	.50
1923-S Very good	6.00
1924 Unc 4.50; 1924-D Unc..	2.50
1924 Fine 1.25; Very good.	.50
1925 Unc 3.50; Fine75
1926 Unc 3.50; Fine.....	.75
1926-S Very good75
1926-D Mint, Unc. SPECIAL...	1.25
1927 Unc 5.00; 1927-D Unc..	2.00
1928-S Unc 4.00; About Unc..	1.50
1928-D Uncirculated, SPECIAL	1.25
1929 Unc 2.50; 1929-S Unc...	3.00
1930 Uncirculated, SPECIAL..	1.50
1932 Unc 1.25; Fine.....	.50
1932 Unc 15.00; Very good..	1.00
1932-D Unc 27.50; Very good..	1.25
1934-D Unc 2.00; 1935-S Unc.	2.00
1936 Brilliant proof	10.00
1936 P or S, Unc. SPECIAL..	1.00
1937 P or D, Uncirculated...	1.00
1937-S Uncirculated, SPECIAL	2.50
1938 Proof 2.50; Unc.....	1.00
1938-S Uncirculated, SPECIAL	1.00

1939 Proof 2.50; Unc.....	1.00
1939-S Unc 1.00; 1939-D Unc	.75
1940-41 Brilliant proof	1.75
1940-P or S, Uncirculated...	.75
1941-P-D-S, Uncirculated....	.75
1942 Proof 1.25; P-D-S Unc..	.50
1943 to 1947-P-D-S, Unc. ea.	.50

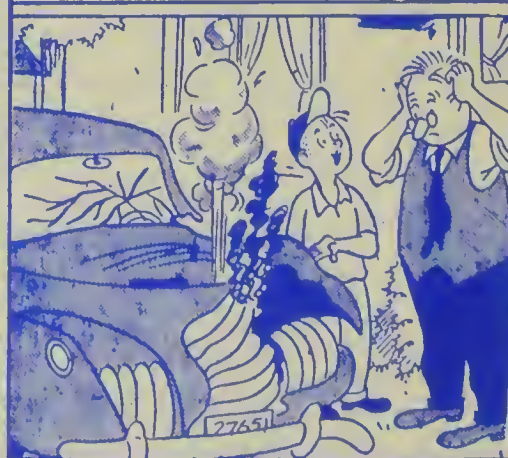
IRISH SIEGE-COINS

In the month of October, 1641, the native Irish, under Phelim O'Neill, rose in open rebellion against the English, whom, on October 23, 1641, they massacred to the number of forty thousand, sparing neither age, rank nor sex.

Banding themselves together, they proceeded to establish their seat of government at Kilkenny, under the title of "The Confederated Catholics," and immediately arrogated to themselves many regal prerogatives, including the striking of money, proposing at the same time to establish an order of knighthood in honour of St. Patrick. The pieces so minted by the Confederated Catholics are of copper and silver; of the former metal there exist halfpence and farthings, whilst of the latter a half-crown alone would appear to have been issued at this period. The copper pieces were minted under the terms of the proclamation of "The Confederated Catholics," assembled at Kilkenny, November 15, 1642, which ordered, "That there shall be 4,000 lbs. of red copper coined to farthings and halfpence with the harp and the crown on one side and two Scepters on the other."

It is obvious that the design of these pieces was obtained from the regal farthing tokens of this region to which they are as superior in weight as they are inferior in execution.

Half the truth is often a great lie.



"This makes us even for the time you lost my 1909-S VDB, eh, Pop?"

- Q. What is the history of the Lincoln Head Cent?
- A. The Lincoln Head Cent was the first United States coin of regular issue to bear a recognized portrait. On January 30, 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt gave consent to placing the head of Lincoln on our one-cent coins commemorating the hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Victor D. Brenner, whose initials appear at the bottom of the reverse on the first 1909 Lincoln Cents, designed the coin, using his Lincoln Medal as a model. The Lincoln Cent incorporated the motto "In God We Trust" for the first time on a one-cent coin.

Because of the popularity of the "VDB" cents, a brief story concerning Mr. Brenner is in order: He was born in Russia in 1871. At 13 years of age he began work with his father, a stone cutter and engraver of seals. Later he took up the engraving of jewelry, which led to a study of sculpture. He came to America when he was 19 and followed his profession, continuing his studies at night. In 1898 he went to Paris for study, and again in 1904. Before he returned to New York in 1906 he had won many medals for his work. He was considered one of the foremost sculptor-medalists of his time.

Shortly after the 1909 Cent was issued the Secretary of the Treasury ordered coinage stopped, in response to criticism that the designer's initials were too prominent. No compromise was made as time would not allow for producing dies with the initial B or other device. The initials were removed entirely and coinage resumed within a few days.

Coinage at the San Francisco Mint had just begun when the order came to stop the VDB issue. Only 484,000 pieces with the S Mint mark and VDB were struck.

Protests concerning the removal of the initials were numerous. An identifying mark was considered by many to be an artist's just reward. The injustice of the omission was finally recognized, for in 1918 the initials appeared once more. This time they were placed inconspicuously beneath the shoulder of Lincoln on the obverse side.

ANHALT 1797 Florin Alexius Christian. Ext.fine.....	\$2.00
ANHALT-SCHAUNBURG 1774 Mining florin Chas Louis. Mining scene of Holsappel Mine. V.fine.....	3.50
BAVARIA 1911, 3 marks Lvitpold, 80th birthday. Unc.....	2.00
BELGIUM 1939, 50 francs Leopold III. Very fine.....	3.00
BRANDENBURG 1689 Florin Fred.III. Very fine.....	1.50
BRANDENBURG-BAYREUTH 1735, 30 Kreuzer Fred.I. Uncirculated	1.00
BREMEN 1658, 24 Grote Leopold. Fine.....	1.25
BRUNSWICK 1780 Florin Chas.Ferd. Very fine.....	1.25
BRUNSWICK-LUNEBURG 1679 Florin John Frederick. Bust/Ocean, palms, vessels. Very fine.....	2.50
BRUNSWICK-LUNNEBURG-WOLFENBUETTEL 1694 Florin Rud.August & Ulric. Very fine.....	1.50
CURACO (1800) 3 reals. 3 counter-stamped in oval. Fine.....	2.25
DENMARK 1648 Coronation Klippe of 1/8 daler Fred.III. Ex.fine...	4.00
GERMANY ULM 1704 Necessity 1/3 thaler. Eagle. Fine.....	3.00
HAMBURG 1809, 32 shillings. F. 1.25	
HANOVER 1833 Mining florin Wm.IV. From Wohlfahrts Mine. Unc.....	3.00
HESSE-HANAU 1767, 1/2 taler FredII. 2/3 taler. Very fine.....	2.00
HOHENZOLLERN 1843, 1/2 florin Carl. Proof	2.00
HUNGARY 1936, 2 pengos Liszb, the famous musician. Uncirculated.	1.50
INDIA 1891, 1/2 & 1/4 rupees Victoria. 2 piece Set. Brill. proof.....	2.50
LUBECK 1908, 3 marks. Br.proof.	2.50
LUXEMBURG 1946 Comm. 50 francs Uncirculated	2.50
OSNABRUECK 1691 Florin Ernest Augustus, Duke of York. V.fine.	2.50
PALATINATE 1661, 60 Kreutzers Chas Louis. Necessity money of small module. Rare. Very fine.....	5.00
PERU(1665-1700) 1 Real, "cob" style Chas II. Very good50
PERU, CUZCO 1839, 4 reals. V.F.	2.50
PHILIPPINES 1936, 50 centavos. Commonwealth issue. Unc.....	1.50
POLAND 1712, 2/3 taler Fred.Aug.II. Ext. fine	3.50
POLISH REPUBLIC 1936, 10 zloty of Pilsudski. Very fine.....	2.50
PORTUGAL 1898 comm. 500 reis. VF	1.50
PORTUGUESE GUINEA 1789, 8 Macutas. Very fine.....	2.00
REUSS-GREIZ 1864, 3 Pfennig with plain edge. Brill. proof....	2.50
ROMANIA 1944, 500 lei. Unc...	5.00
ROMANIA 1946, 25,000 lei of Mihail. Inflation issue. Unc..	7.50
SAXONY 1678 Florin John Geo.IV Bust/Arms. Very fine.....	2.00
SAXONY-MEININGEN 1835, 1 gulden Very fine.....	1.25

AUSTRIA 1793 Sovereign P'Or Francis II. V.Mint. V.fine..	\$30.00
1915 Ducat Fr.Joseph. Proof..	7.50
BRANDENBURG 1712 Db1. Ducat Fred. as King of Prussia. Bust right/Crowned eagle. X.fine..	75.00
BULGARIA 1908, 20 Levas of Ferd.I. Scarce. Unc.....	25.00
CHILE 1867, 10 Pesos. Ext.Fine	32.50
COLOMBIA 1803 Doubloon Chas IV Popayan Mint. Unc, pr.surface	65.00
DENMARK 1783, 12 Marks of Christian VII. Unc.....	15.00
ENGLAND 1740, 2 Guineas Geo II. Elder head, rare. V.fine.....	50.00
FRANCE 1508-50 Chaise d'Or William of Bavaria. 32MM. VF.	25.00
GUATEMALA 1869, 10 Pesos. Bust of Carrera. Unc.....	35.00
HANOVER 1866 Krone Geo.V. Semi-proof	40.00
HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE 1615, 5 Ducats Chas. Struck for Munster in Oslo. Ornamented bust/Arms, inscription. Rare. 40MM. Ext. fine.....	150.00
INDIA 1583 Mohur struck in Delhi, year 28. Very fine...	18.00
JAPAN Before 1860, 1 Bu, ciphers and inscription. Very fine...	3.50
1871, Yeh. Uncirculated.....	5.00
MEXICO 1920, 2 Pesos. Unc....	3.00
NAPLES 1753, Doppia Chas. Unc.	15.00
PERSIA 1580 Mohur or 5 Tomans of Mohammed. Very fine.....	25.00
PERU 1907 1/5 pound. Unc.....	3.50
POLAND 1663 Ducat John Casimir for Dantzig. About unc.....	25.00
SERBIA 1879, 20 Dinars Milan Obrenobritz V. Rare. Ext.F..	20.00
SWITZERLAND 1927, 20 Francs. Unc	9.25
TURKEY 1901-09, 25 Piastres. About uncirculated.....	4.00

FOREIGN GOLD

AUSTRIA, 20 Kroner of Franz Joseph V.F. to Abt Unc.(Reg.17.50).	\$11.75
AUSTRIA, 10 Kroner of Franz Joseph V.F. or better (Reg.7.50)...	5.75
COLOMBIA 1919, 5 Pesos. V.fine to About Unc. (Reg.17.50)...	\$13.75
DENMARK 1873, 20 Kroner of Christian IX.Choice Unc(Reg.20.)...	14.75
FRANCE 5 Francs Napoleon III. Better than Fine (Reg.5.00)...	3.95
GREECE 1884, 20 Drachma George II. V.fine or better(Reg.25.)....	17.50
HUNGARY 10 Corona Franz Joseph V.F. or better.(Reg.7.50)....	5.75
SWEDEN 5 Kroner Oscar II. V.F. or better (Reg 6.00).....	4.75
SWITZERLAND 1915, 10 Francs.Brill Unc. (Reg.8.00)	5.75
RUSSIA 5 Roubles Nicolas II. V.F. to Abt. Unc. (Reg.10.00)....	7.75

The above 10 pieces, purchased as a lot \$ 85.00

NOTE: Unless specified, dates are of my choice.

Order by Mail

INDIAN CENTS

Uncirculated and Proof are all bright red or brilliant.

	V.Gd.	Unc.	Proof
1857	\$.35	\$4.00	\$50.00
1858 LL....	.50	7.50	45.00
1858 SL....	.50	9.00	50.00
1859.....	.30	4.50	
1860.....	.25	3.50	
1861.....	1.25	7.25	20.00
1862.....	.15	.90	
1863.....	.15	.85	8.50
1864 CN....	.50	2.75	10.00
1864 Br....	.20	3.50	
1864-L....	6.00	25.00	
1865.....	.20	2.75	
1866.....	2.00	12.50	15.00
1867.....	2.00	10.00	13.50
1868.....	1.75	9.00	
1869.....	2.50	10.00	
1870.....	2.50	12.50	15.00
1871.....	3.75	15.00	21.00
1872.....	4.50	19.00	25.00
1873.....	.60	4.25	6.75
1874.....	.75	4.00	7.25
1875.....	.60		9.00
1876.....	1.50	7.00	10.00
1877.....	8.50		55.00
1878.....	1.75	6.50	7.50
1879.....	.20	2.25	3.75
1880.....		2.25	4.00
1881.....		2.50	4.00
1882.....		1.50	2.75
1883.....		1.50	2.75
1884.....		2.50	3.00
1885.....		4.75	6.50
1886.....		2.50	
1887.....		1.75	2.90
1888.....		1.75	3.00
1889.....		1.75	3.00
1890.....		1.75	3.00
1891.....		1.75	3.00
1892.....		2.50	3.50
1893.....		1.65	3.25
1894.....		2.50	3.50
1895.....		1.75	3.25
1896.....		2.75	5.00
1897.....		2.75	5.00
1898.....		2.25	4.00
1899.....		2.00	4.25
1900.....		2.00	3.25
1901.....		1.25	4.00
1902.....		.85	3.75
1903.....		.85	3.50
1904.....		.85	3.00
1905.....		.75	3.00
1906.....		.75	4.00
1907.....		1.00	4.00
1908.....		.75	3.00
1908-S....		6.00 (F..2.50)	
1909.....		.75	5.00
1909-S....		25.00 (F.12.50)	

PROOF SETS

1938, 5 pcs. (Cat.20.00)...	\$12.50
1939, 5 pcs. (Cat.15.00)...	9.75
1940, 5 pcs. (Cat.12.50)...	8.00
1941, 5 pcs. (Cat. 8.50)...	6.00
1942, 6 pcs. (Cat. 9.00)...	6.25

HALF DIMES

1829 V.good 50¢; 1830 V.F...\$.75
1830 V.good 50¢; 1831 V.F....	.75
1831 Unc 2.00; 1832 Unc....	1.75
1832 Fine 75¢; Very good..	.50
1833 Unc 1.75; 1834 Abt.unc.	1.00
1834 Fine 75¢; 1835 Abt.unc	1.00
1835 Unc 1.75; Fine.....	.75
1835 V.good 50¢; 1836 V.good	.50
1836 Uncirculated	2.00
1837 Bust, Rare variety with small 5¢ on rev. About unc...	20.00
1837 Bust, Fine to V. fine...	1.00
1837 Lib.seated,N.S. Ex.fine.	5.00
1837 N.S. V.Gd 2.50; Good....	1.50
1838 Unc 2.00; Fine.....	.50
1939 Fine 50¢; 1839-0 V.good	.50
1840 No drapery, Uncirculated	2.50
1841-0 V.gd. 1.25; 1842 V.Gd.	.50
1843-45-47-48-49-51, Fine....	.50
1844 Re-engraved date. Fine..	2.00
1847 Unc 2.50; Very fine....	.75
1848 Unc 3.50; 1849 Ex.fine..	1.00
1851-0 V.good 75; 1852-0 V.Gd	.75
1852 Unc 2.50; 1853 Unc.....	.75
1853 No arrows, Uncirculated.	10.00
1853 N. A. Extremely fine....	6.00
1853-54-55-56-57-58 F. to V.F	.50
1854 Unc 1.00; 1856 Unc....	2.00
1856-0 Fine 1.25; Very good..	.75
1857 Unc 1.00; 1857-0 Unc....	2.50
1857-0 V.fine 1.00; Fine...	.75
1858 Brill. proof 9.00; Unc..	1.25
1858-0 V.fine 75¢; Fine....	.50
1859 Brill. proof, SPECIAL...	5.00

(The above catalogues 7.50)

1859 Uncirculated	\$ 1.50
1860 Proof 4.50; Unc.....	1.25
1861 Proof 6.00; Unc.....	1.25
1861 V.fine 50¢; Fine.....	.35
1862 Proof 3.50; Unc.....	1.25
1863 Proof 7.50; Unc.....	3.00
1864 Proof, only 470 coined..	35.00
1865 Proof 10.00; 1866 Proof	7.50
1867 Proof 6.00; 1868 Proof	5.00
1869 Proof 5.00; Unc.....	3.50
1869 V.fine 1.50; Very good	1.00
1870 Proof 3.50; Unc.....	1.50
1871 Proof 3.50; Unc.....	1.50
1871 V.fine 50¢; Fine.....	.35
1872 Proof 3.50; Unc.....	1.50
1872 V.fine 50¢; Fine.....	.35
1872-S in wreath. Unc.....	2.00
1872-S below wreath. Unc...	2.50
1873 Proof 3.50; Unc.....	1.50
1873-S Uncirculated	2.00

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* * THE LESHER COINS * *

A man by the name of Joseph Lesher, native of Ohio, but for many years a resident of Victor, Colorado, a prospector, a mine owner and a believer in the free and unlimited coinage of silver as advocated by William Jennings Bryan in the campaigns of 1896 to 1900, conceived the idea of coining his own silver, and in the year 1900 he had his first dies prepared and commenced the coinage of the octagon silver pieces known as the Lesher coins.

From the first dies 100 pieces were struck of the value of \$1.25 each. These pieces contain one ounce of silver and are numbered from 1 to 100, inclusive, so far as known.

Not long after this first issue Government officials called on Mr. Lesher and asked to see his dies, and when he showed them, one of the men drew a small sack out of his pocket and dropped the dies into the sack, and told him he had better quit the business. This was the last he ever saw of those dies.

This resulted in his taking the matter up with the State authorities, who informed him that there was no law to prevent him from going on with the project. And after making some changes which he thought might be objectional to the Government, leaving off the words "currency" and "coin", and putting on the word "medal," he had other dies made and proceeded to strike more coins. This piece was also dated 1900, and is known as No.2. It had the name A.B. Rumsted engraved in the die. This was valued at \$1.25 also, and contained 1 ounce of coin silver.

Two varieties of this piece have been found, one with scrolls in the field and one without. These, together with the rare bank piece, No. 4, are all the varieties that are known bearing the date 1900.

It is not very clear what induced Mr. Lesher to change the size and value of the issue of 1901, as all of this date are of the value of \$1.00 and contain 412 $\frac{1}{2}$ grains of silver. But he had the design patented and copyrighted because he was afraid someone would counterfeit his pieces, and he would be asked to redeem them at face value, as he had agreed to do; and this act would seem to belie the motto, "In the people we trust" which appears on all of this issue. About 15 varieties are known.

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